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STEERING COLUMN

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COLONNE DE DIRECTION

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Abstract (en)
[origin: DE4438693A1] The safety steering column described consists of a steering-wheel shaft (4) which is rotatably mounted inside a protective tube (1) and inside which is located the airbag gas generator (12) which operates in the usual way - under sensor controls - to inflate an inflatable bag. Both the steering-wheel shaft (4) and the protective tube (1) are made up of tubular sections (6, 7; 10, 11) which fit telescopically into each other and can be displaced in the direction indicated by the arrows (9), absorbing energy, so that the whole steering column will telescope in on itself in the event of an impact. Housing the gas generator (12) inside the steering-wheel shaft (4) has the significant advantage that the space necessary inside the steering column, in particular inside the steering wheel, to house the other airbag-system components can be kept relatively small and the steering wheel can be designed as a lightweight unit.

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